

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed March 27, 2006 states that pending claims 1-21 are directed to two (2) independent and patentably distinct inventions. Although the Restriction Requirement is traversed for the reasons set forth below, in order to be fully responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant nevertheless provisionally elects the claims of Group I, (claims 1-20), drawn to methods of identifying loss of imprinting and increased cancer risk, classified in class 435, subclass, 6, with traverse, and elect the species of the primer pair of SEQ ID NO: 23 and SEQ ID NO: 24 for initial search and examination.

MPEP 803 states that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent and distinct inventions."

Applicants submit that it would not be a serious burden on the Examiner to examine the claims of Groups 1-21 together. Claim 21 recites the same primer pairs as claim 8. Examination of the subject matter of claim 21 would be coextensive or at least significantly overlap the examination of claim 8.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement and rejoinder of Groups I and II is respectfully requested.

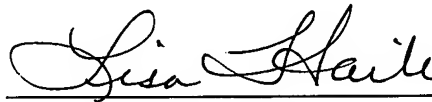
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No fee is deemed necessary with the filing of this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that are required, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 07-1896 referencing the above-identified attorney docket number. A duplicate copy of the Transmittal Sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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